

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The subject matter of the independent claims could either not be found or was not suggested in the prior art of record. The subject matter not found in claim 1 was a catheter with a guidewire lumen and an inflation lumen formed by two reinforcing members, wherein the first reinforcing member is a generally tubular and has first and second edges as well as the outer surface of the first member seated against the second interior surface of the catheter shaft, the second reinforcing member is curved and has first and second opposing surfaces, and wherein the second member is disposed on the first and second edges of the first reinforcing member such that the inflation lumen is formed by the inner surface of the tubular first reinforcing member and the first surface of the second curved reinforcing member, and the opposing second surface of the second curved reinforcing member forms a part of the guidewire lumen, in combination with the other elements of the claims.

The subject matter not found in claim 6 was first and second reinforcing members within a catheter, the first reinforcing member having a partial annular cross-section, the first and second members being mechanically coupled together so as to form a fluidly-sealed inflation lumen, and the first and second reinforcing members having different wall thicknesses, in combination with the other elements of the claims.

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